



# Homeland Security

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- A 30-mile stretch of Interstate 65 in Indiana was closed overnight March 10 to March 11 due to at least 3 separate accidents that left 2 people dead and several others injured. – *Times of Northwest Indiana* (See item [8](#))
- Three workers at a Corbion food processing chemical facility in Missouri suffered minor injuries following a fire and explosion March 11 that was sparked in a spray room where employees dump mass amounts of flour. – *KCTV 5 Kansas City* (See item [12](#))
- McNeil Consumer Healthcare pleaded guilty March 10 and agreed to pay \$25 million for selling liquid medicine contaminated with metal after a series of recalls which began in 2008 due to faulty manufacturing. – *Reuters* (See item [17](#))
- Four U.S. Army National Guard soldiers and 7 members of the U.S. Marine Corps were aboard a U.S. Army helicopter that crashed after taking off from an airport in Destin, Florida, and were presumed to be dead March 11 after human remains washed ashore. – *Associated Press* (See item [19](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *March 11, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* – (Texas) **Three killed in oil field accident in Upton County.** Three individuals were killed in an explosion March 10 while they were working on a Parsley Energy of Midland-owned well in Upton County, Texas. Source: <http://lubbockonline.com/regional/2015-03-10/3-killed-oil-field-accident-upton-county>
2. *March 10, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Duke Energy fined \$25 million over coal ash pollution.** The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued a \$25 million fine to Duke Energy March 10 for ongoing pollution that has been seeping into the groundwater for years from a pair of coal ash pits at the L.V. Sutton Electric Plant near Wilmington. The State reported that monitoring wells near the site exceeded levels of State groundwater standards or boron, selenium, thallium, iron, manganese, and other chemicals. Source: <http://wric.com/ap/duke-energy-fined-25-million-over-coal-ash-pollution-2/>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

3. *March 10, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Texas) **EPA fines Wharton Chemical for hazardous waste violations.** Wharton Chemical, also known as Lamberti USA, Inc., agreed to pay \$203,000 in penalties March 10 to resolve charges from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that a compliance evaluation revealed alleged violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act related to the storage and handling of hazardous waste at the company's Hungerford, Texas facility. Wharton Chemical also agreed to protect the local community by mitigating health and environmental risks associated with hazardous waste. Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/21b8983ffa5d0e4685257dd4006b85e2/67d8cfc19fdd6ed085257e0400647d65/>
4. *March 10, WCPO 9 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Fire crews called to Winton Hills chemical plant fire.** Oil spilled onto a gasket and sparked a fire inside the Emery Oleochemicals chemical plant in Cincinnati March 10, triggering the facility's emergency shutoff system that cut off the flow of hydrogen to the building. HAZMAT teams responded due to the large amount of hydrogen and other chemicals stored at the plant, and crews ventilated and inspected the building following the incident. Source: <http://www.wcpo.com/news/local-news/hamilton-county/cincinnati/winton-hills/fire-crews-called-to-winton-hills-chemical-plant-fire>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

5. *March 11, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Tennessee) **TVA fined for fire protection failure at nuclear plant.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) was issued \$70,000 in penalties by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a Security Level III problem after 4 contract laborers for Day & Zimmerman deliberately failed to conduct required fire watches at the Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant in 2012 and falsified records to conceal the issue. TVA has improved its oversight practices and upgraded its equipment and procedures to reduce the need for long-term fire watches.  
<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/business/aroundregion/story/2015/mar/11/tva-fined-falsifying-records-sequoyah-nuclear-plant/292700/>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

6. *March 10, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (International) **Efco expands recall of gas trimmers due to fire hazard.** Comet USA issued a recall March 10 for about 1,900 efco Gas Trimmers sold in the U.S. and 200 units sold in Canada due to an issue that could cause the muffler on the engine to break during use, posing a fire hazard. The product was sold at authorized efco dealers and Menard retail stores nationwide and via Web-based sales from June 2009 to July 2014.  
Source: [http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/efco-Expands-Recall-of-Gas-Trimmers/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=Recalls+RSS](http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/efco-Expands-Recall-of-Gas-Trimmers/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=Recalls+RSS)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

7. *March 10, NJ.com* – (National) **Key player in \$5M ATM bank card scheme found guilty.** A Chicago man was convicted March 10 for his role in an ATM bank card skimming scheme in which he and up to 16 other suspects installed card-reading devices and pinhole cameras on ATMs in New Jersey and elsewhere, and created thousands of phony ATM cards that they used to withdraw more than \$5 million from customer bank accounts.  
Source:  
[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2015/03/key\\_player\\_in\\_5m\\_atm\\_bank\\_card\\_scheme\\_found\\_guilty.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2015/03/key_player_in_5m_atm_bank_card_scheme_found_guilty.html)

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## Transportation Systems Sector

8. *March 11, Times of Northwest Indiana* – (Indiana) **I-65 closed in Jasper Co. after 22 vehicles crash in fog, killing two.** A 30-mile stretch of Interstate 65 between Wolcott and Lafayette in Indiana was closed overnight March 10 to March 11 due foggy conditions which caused at least 3 separate accidents involving 15 semi-trucks and 7 vehicles, and left 2 people dead and several others injured.  
Source: [http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/jasper/multiple-crashes-in-dense-fog-close-i--in-jasper/article\\_5cf52d18-26ba-5caa-9af3-3d4bdbe12235.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/jasper/multiple-crashes-in-dense-fog-close-i--in-jasper/article_5cf52d18-26ba-5caa-9af3-3d4bdbe12235.html)
9. *March 11, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Driver runs away after fatal crash on 288.** Highway 288 at Alameda Genoa in Houston reopened March 11 after closing for several hours overnight March 10 due to an accident that involved 4 vehicles which left 1 person dead and at least 3 others injured. Police are looking for a driver who ran from the scene.  
Source: [http://www.khou.com/story/news/traffic/2015/03/11/\\_driver-runs-away-after-fatal-crash-on-288/70136236/](http://www.khou.com/story/news/traffic/2015/03/11/_driver-runs-away-after-fatal-crash-on-288/70136236/)
10. *March 10, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **Woman dies after being hit by commuter train near Davis.** Capital Corridor trains resumed normal service after several hours March 10 following the death of a pedestrian who was struck by a commuter train near Davis, prompting system-wide delays between Sacramento and Davis.  
Source: <http://www.kcra.com/news/train-strikes-pedestrian-near-davis-delays-reported/31711442>
11. *March 10, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Tanker truck overturns, spills biodiesel fuel on Interstate 95.** A semi-truck carrying biodiesel fuel crashed and overturned on Interstate 95 in Prince George's County spilling about 700 gallons of the fuel and shutting down all southbound lanes for 7 hours and northbound lanes for several hours March 10 while crews transferred the fuel and cleaned up debris.  
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Tractor-Trailer-Overturns-on-Interstate-95-Southbound-Lanes-Closed-295753691.html>

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## Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *March 11, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Three hurt after explosion at Grandview chemical plant.** Three workers at a Corbion food processing chemical facility in Grandview suffered minor injuries following a fire and explosion March 11 that was sparked in a spray room where employees dump mass amounts of flour. The plant was safely evacuated and officials were at the scene to investigate the incident.  
Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/28382293/grandview-chemical-plant-explosion>
13. *March 10, Reuters* – (Arkansas) **Suspected bird flu case found in Arkansas poultry, USDA says.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported March 10 that a suspected

case of avian influenza has been identified in poultry in Arkansas, and warned the State's turkey producers to be on high alert for the virus. Cases of the H5N2 strain of avian influenza have been confirmed in Minnesota and Missouri during the past week. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/10/birdflu-arkansas-idUSL1N0WC2XF20150310>

14. *March 9, Ocala Star-Banner* – (Florida) **Truck, trailer, tons of mozzarella stolen from parking lot in Summerfield.** A refrigerated semi-truck trailer holding several tons of shredded mozzarella cheese worth an estimated \$85,000 and bound for the Hungry Howies Pizza distribution center in Lakeland was reported stolen from a semi-truck parking lot near Summerfield March 8. A semi-truck hauler was reported stolen from the same parking lot and was apparently used to take the trailer.  
Source:  
<http://www.ocala.com/article/20150309/ARTICLES/150309695/1412?Title=Truck-trailer-tons-of-mozzarella-stolen-from-parking-lot-in-Summerfield>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

15. *March 10, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Raw sewage spills into Lost Lake again.** The Metropolitan Council of Mahtomedi, Minnesota, reported March 10 that between 25 to 40 thousand gallons of raw sewage leaked from a busted pipe into Lost Lake March 9 and officials placed warning signs around the lake warning residents about high levels of bacteria after initial tests. The council permanently shut down the broken pipe and rerouted water to a new sewer line.  
Source: <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/03/10/raw-sewage-spills-into-lost-lake-again/24744609/>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

17. *March 10, Reuters* – (National) **Tylenol maker to pay \$25 million for selling metal-contaminated drugs.** McNeil Consumer Healthcare, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, pleaded guilty March 10 and agreed to pay \$25 million for selling liquid medicine contaminated with metal after a series of recalls which began in 2008 due to faulty manufacturing. In addition to the metal particles, which were discovered by a consumer complaint in May 2009, there were moldy odors and labeling issues with the products.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/10/us-johnson-johnson-tylenol-idUSKBN0M629S20150310>
18. *March 9, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Computer hard drives with personal information stolen from Indiana State Medical Association.** Indiana State Medical Association officials reported March 9 that 2 computer hard drives that contained the health, personal, and insurance information of 39,000 current and former members

were stolen February 13 while an employee was transporting the archive backup hard drives to a storage location offsite. Authorities are investigating the theft which they believe was a random act.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/ef697cf5a1044fe08d51a7a2145525e0/IN--ISMA-Computer-Theft/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

19. *March 11, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Fog lifting, easing search in Florida helicopter crash.** Four U.S. Army National Guard soldiers and 7 members of the U.S. Marine Corps were aboard a U.S. Army helicopter that crashed during routine night training after taking off from an airport in Destin, Florida, March 10 were presumed to be dead March 11 after human remains washed ashore. Officials were still considering conducting a search-and-rescue mission and are continuing to investigate the incident.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/11-servicemen-presumed-dead-in-helicopter-crash/ar-AA9D0Y8>

20. *March 10, KTXL 40 Sacramento* – (California) **Hundreds of students possibly exposed to TB at 2 Elk Grove Schools.** Elk Grove School District officials announced that about 100 Franklin Elementary School students and 300 Franklin High School students will undergo skin tests for tuberculosis exposure the week of March 16 after the Sacramento County Public Health Department reported March 10 that one elementary school student and one high school student contracted the disease from an adult family member. The students were ordered to stay home until their illnesses subsided.

Source: <http://fox40.com/2015/03/10/up-to-300-students-exposed-to-tb-at-2-elk-grove-schools/>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

21. *March 11, Softpedia* – (International) **Shortcut parsing glitch used by Equation group re-patched by Microsoft.** Microsoft fixed a shortcut parsing vulnerability in Windows that was discovered by Kaspersky Labs researchers to have been in use since 2008 in large-scale cyber-espionage activities involving the Equation group and the

Fanny worm. Microsoft corrected how Windows handles dynamic link library (DLL) files to patch the vulnerability that allowed attackers to infect systems by creating malformed shortcut files (LNK) loaded from a malicious DLL that would execute automatically when opened.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Shortcut-Parsing-Glitch-Used-by-Equation-Group-Re-Patched-by-Microsoft-475479.shtml>

22. ***March 11, The Register*** – (International) **Malware uses Windows product IDs to mix mutex.** A security researcher at SANS discovered a new trojan dubbed “TreasureHunter” that uses Microsoft’s Windows unique product identification numbers to create dynamic mutex values to avoid detection by anti-malware software and researchers.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/11/malware\\_mutex/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/11/malware_mutex/)

23. ***March 10, The Register*** – (International) **Redmond’s Patch Tuesday to kill off the Windows FREAK show.** Microsoft issued 14 security bulletins patching 44 security vulnerabilities, including a critical patch for Windows and Windows Server versions running Secure Channel components vulnerable to the Factoring RSA-Export Keys (FREAK) attack.

Source:

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/10/redmond\\_moves\\_to\\_kill\\_off\\_windows\\_freak\\_show/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/10/redmond_moves_to_kill_off_windows_freak_show/)

24. ***March 10, Softpedia*** – (International) **Apple fixes FREAK vulnerability in Secure Transport.** Apple released a patch for its iOS and OS X devices to address the Factoring RSA-Export Keys (FREAK) attack vulnerability affecting Secure Transport on Safari by removing support for ephemeral RSA keys.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Apple-Fixes-FREAK-Vulnerability-in-Secure-Transport-475380.shtml>

## Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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25. *March 11, WCBS 2 New York City; Associated Press* – (New York) **12 hurt after fire strikes East Harlem high-rise.** Twelve residents were injured by a March 10 fire that broke out on the 17th floor of the Schomburg Plaza apartment building in New York City and spread to the 18th floor before it was contained. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.  
Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2015/03/11/12-hurt-after-fire-strikes-east-harlem-high-rise/>

26. *March 11, WHNT 19 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **One arrested at Madison apartment complex, police investigating possible pipe bomb.** The Carrington Cove Apartment Complex in Madison, Alabama, was evacuated on a voluntarily basis for several hours March 11 after police discovered several illegal weapons including an apparent pipe bomb while conducting a welfare check on an individual at the apartment complex. The individual was arrested and a bomb squad remained at the scene to investigate the device.  
Source: <http://whnt.com/2015/03/11/madison-police-investigating-suspicious-device-at-apartment-complex/>

27. *March 11, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **25 displaced by Suffern apartment complex blaze.** An estimated 25 to 30 residents were displaced from the Berkeley Square Apartments in Suffern following 2 fires that broke out in separate buildings of the complex March 9-10 and damaged over 20 units. The causes of the fires remain under investigation  
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/rockland/2015/03/11/suffern-apartment-fires-displace/70143448/>

28. *March 11, KTVK 3 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Gas leak forces evacuation of Goodyear hotel.** Guests from about 50 rooms at a Quality Inn hotel in Goodyear, Arizona, were evacuated March 11 due to elevated readings of natural gas in the area caused by a leak. Crews shut down the natural gas source to the hotel and guests were cleared to return more than 2 hours later after the readings returned to normal levels.  
Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/Gas-leak-forces-evacuation-of-Goodyear-hotel-295911071.html>

29. *March 10, WDJT 58 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Menomonee Falls strip mall shut down after partial floor collapse.** Businesses at the North Hills Plaza strip mall in Menomonee Falls were ordered closed March 9 after a floor collapse caused extensive damage to at least one business and prompted authorities to cut off utilities to the shopping center. Engineers are working to determine the cause of the collapse and if the building is structurally sound.  
Source: <http://www.cbs58.com/story/28349331/partial-building-collapse-in-menomonee-falls>

16. *March 10, Softpedia* – (California) **San Francisco Bistro Burger compromised, financial info exposed for two months.** Bistro Burger officials reported March 9 that hackers may have compromised the company's payment processing system at one of the restaurant chain's San Francisco locations and possibly accessed consumers' payment card information from October 2- December 4, 2014. The company has taken steps to contain the breach and upgraded its systems to mitigate further risk.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/San-Francisco-Bistro-Burger-Compromised-Financial-Info-Exposed-for-Two-Months-475430.shtml>

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